

# Protocol For Zoo/Exotic Animal Bites to People

Stabilize Victim/Call 911 if necessary

Contact Zoo Veterinarian/ Head Curator/ Director:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

Fill out facility incident report

Provide Rabies fact sheet to victim

Send victim to receive medical attention

Victim is Volunteer/ Public:

Contact Local Health Department and report:

- Where bite occurred
- Victim name/date of birth/address/contact #
- Species of animal involved
- Circumstances of the bite

**Local Health Department:**

\_\_\_\_\_(weekday)  
\_\_\_\_\_(after hours)

Victim is Zoo Employee:

Contact local hospital or  
occupation health office:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

Contact Animal Control  
\_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

**Wildlife:**

**Carnivore:** euthanize  
and submit for  
Rabies testing

**Other:** Immediate  
quarantine pending  
instruction

**Zoo animal:**

Institute  
immediate  
quarantine  
until instructed  
to do  
otherwise

For additional information:

**Michigan Department of Community Health:**

517-335-8165 (weekday)

517-335-9030 (after hours)

**Department of Agriculture:**

517-373-1077 (weekday)

517-373-0440 (after hours)

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